

REMARKS

Claims 10-12 are now pending in the application. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given to the present application and the courtesies extended to applicant's representative during a telephone interview on November 5, 2009. During that interview, the Applicant and the Examiner discussed various issues but did not discuss the claim amendments set forth herein.

It is believed that the previously presented claims are patentably distinct over the cited reference Katta. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to further define filter parameters that are associated with each image synthesis parameter. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the application as filed, including at Page 30, Line 11 - Page 31, Line 4 of the specification. Katta fails to teach or suggest assigning a plurality of filter parameters to a single image as recited in the pending claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define patentable subject matter over Katta and the applied combination of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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